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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE - REORGANIZATION OF
AAFCE - REASSESSMENT OF PLAN DELTA (REVISED)

REF: IMSWM-127-78, 26 MAY 78 (POUCHED 30 MAY 78, NR 3570)

1.(U) BY REFERENCE, THE USMILREP IS REQUESTED TO APPROVE
SUBJECT PRESS RELEASE BY 16 JUN 78. FYI REFERENCE IS
QUOTED IN PARA 2 BELOW.

2.(C) BEGIN QUOTE OF IMSWM-127-78. QUOTE:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE - REORGANISATION OF
ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (AAFCE) - REASSESSMENT
OF PLAN DELTA (REVISED)

REFERENCE: IMSWM-104-78, 26 APRIL 78

1. THE REFERENCE ENCLOSED A DRAFT MCM CONCERNING SACEUR'S
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RE-ASSESSMENT OF THE PEACETIME LOCATION OF THE AAFCE AND
AFCENT HEADQUARTERS AND THE PROPOSAL THAT THE MOVE OF
AAFCE TO BRUNSSUM SHOULD BE CANCELLED.

2. PRESS INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN
AROUSED AND SACEUR CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE THAT A PRESS
RELEASE IN ANTICIPATION OF DPC AGREEMENT TO THE CHANGES

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PROPOSED SHOULD BE PREPARED.
3. A PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE CO-ORDINATED BY SHAPE, AFCENT, AND AAFCE IS ENCLOSED. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE RELEASE SHOULD ONLY BE MADE BY AFCENT ONCE DPC AGREEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED. OTHER INTERESTED AUTHORITIES WOULD USE IT AS GUIDANCE FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

4. MILREPS ARE REQUESTED TO APPROVE THE ENCLOSED PRESS RELEASE BY 16 JUNE 1978. A FORM FOR WRITTEN REPLY IS ATTACHED.

ENCLOSURE: DRAFT PRESS RELEASE

/S/A.C.DAVIES, AIR MARSHAL, RAF, DIRECTOR, IMS

ENCLOSURE: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE - REORGANISATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE(AAFCE)- REASSESSMENT OF PLAN DELTA (REVISED)

- THE PEACE HEADQUARTERS OF ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (HQ AAFCE) WILL REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN RAMSTEIN, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THIS DECISION IS A CHANGE TO A PLAN ACCEPTED IN 1975 TO COLLOCATE HQ AAFCE WITH THE PEACETIME HEADQUARTERS OF ALLIED FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (AFCENT) AT BRUNSSUM, THE NETHERLANDS.

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- SACEUR RECOMMENDED THE CHANGE TO THE NATO MILITARY COMMITTEE (NAMILCOM) AND THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC) AS A RESULT OF STUDIES CARRIED OUT OVER THE PAST MONTHS BY A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES FROM CENTRAL REGION NATIONS. NAMILCOM AND THE DPC AGREED.

- THE CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN WARSAW PACT MILITARY CAPABILITIES, IN PARTICULAR THE INCREASING OFFENCE-ORIENTED COMPOSITION OF WARSAW PACT AIR FORCES, HAS COMPELLED A REAAPRAISAL OF ITS EFFECT ON THE ORIGINAL PLAN. IT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THAT, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE CONTIN-UOUS UP-DATING OF THE AIR COMMAND AND CONTROL DATA BASE NECESSARY FOR MONITORING AND IF NECESSARY RESPONDING TO WARSAW PACT AIR ACTIVITY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE AIR STAFF (AAFCE) MUST BE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE STATIC WAR HEADQUARTERS SITUATED NEAR RAMSTEIN.

- IT HAS BEEN CLEARLY STATED THAT THE AFCENT PEACE HEADQUARTERS WILL REMAIN PERMANENTLY AT BRUNSSUM.
- THE NECESSITY OF FINDING ALTERNATIVE USE OF THE NEW BUILDING AT THE AFCENT COMPLEX IS RECOGNIZED. AN EXAMINA-

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TION BY SACEUR OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR USE AND EQUIVALENT MANNING OF THIS BUILDING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AT SHORT NOTICE. THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE TAKEN AFTER FULL AND COMPLETE COORDINATION WITH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT.

UNQUOTE.

3.(U) REQUEST GUIDANCE BY 14 JUNE 78. GDS-84.

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